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## **County Division of Transportation Releases Draft Priority Program**

LIBERTVILLLE, IL – Lake County Director of Transportation/County Engineer Marty Buehler presented a draft version of the ‘Lake County 2020 Transportation Priority Program’ to the Public Works and Transportation Committee meeting of the Lake County Board on, Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. The plan presents Lake County transportation needs through the year 2020 for county roadways, mass transit and a trunk bikeway system. This plan will serve as Lake County’s long range transportation planning tool and will replace the existing 2005 version, which has been in place since 1990.

Division of Transportation officials began the process of assembling the ‘Lake County 2020 Transportation Priority Program’ in November 2001. The plan was made available for public, municipal/village and township review beginning with the committee meeting today.

Draft copies of the plan will be delivered to all 52 municipalities and 18 townships in Lake County, and a public information open house regarding the plan is scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Lake County Division of Transportation building in Libertyville.

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The plan could be ready for adoption by the full Lake County Board at the June board meeting.

According to county board member Diana O’Kelly, Chair of the Public Works and Transportation Committee, “This planning effort has been discussed in committee over the past eighteen months by both the Public Works and Transportation Committee and the Committee of the Whole. We are getting closer to formally adopting the program to serve as the county’s long range transportation planning tool for the next two decades.”

The ‘Lake County 2020 Transportation Priority Program’ incorporates Lake County transportation needs through the year 2020 for county roadways, mass transit and a trunk bikeway system.